

# Second Sunday of Easter

## April 24, 2022



107th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRESNO  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Raygan Baker

# WELCOME

**Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?**

***Text “New” to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.***

## Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry?

## Don't worry, we've (literally) all been there.

*The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.*

(\*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

<b>Prelude</b>	Offertory on “O filii” -A. Guilmant	Scott Horton, organ
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**Welcome** Rev. Raygan Baker

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

One:       Peace be with you!

**Many:** And also with you!

One: The Holy Spirit lives within you;

**Many:** And moves within our community.

One: Let us gather in the presence of our redeeming God,

**Many:** the Beloved who sets forth the path of Life.

**\*Hymn**                      “Yours in the Glory”                      #253, pew hymnal

## Opening Prayer

When our Risen Lord appeared to the disciples,  
he greeted them in peace  
and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them.

***Living God,  
Breathe your Spirit upon us  
as we gather to welcome Christ  
with glad hearts and joyful voices.***

Meet us here, we pray;  
***Open our ears to hear you speaking  
and our hearts to respond with joy.  
Fashion us into an Easter people,  
and send us out  
to proclaim what we have seen and heard:  
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Amen.***

**Scripture Reading**                      Acts 5:17-31                      Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

## Special Music

“Lord of the Dance” -arr. J. Raney

Peter Wall, piano  
Scott Horton, organ

## Time for Discovery

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;  
let this be our song — no one stands alone,  
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

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## The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.***

## Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Liturgist: Rosalie Brown

## Sermon

## \*Hymn

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

#241, pew hymnal

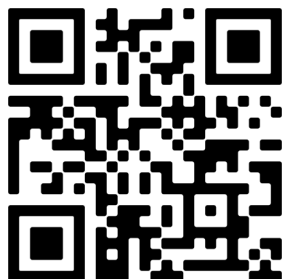
## Invitation to Prayer

## Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:  
Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying:  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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## Prayers of the Church



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**Offertory Music**

“Prayer, Op. 47 No. 4” -A. Guilmant

Scott Horton, organ

**\*Doxology**

*Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Blessing and Sung Benediction**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world will see  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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*It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude*

**Postlude**

Toccata on “O Filii et Filiae” -L. Farnam Scott Horton, organ

**We Go Out to Love and Serve the World**

# Christian Exploration Hour

Every Sunday at 9:00am  
Weekly Opportunities for Adults and Children!

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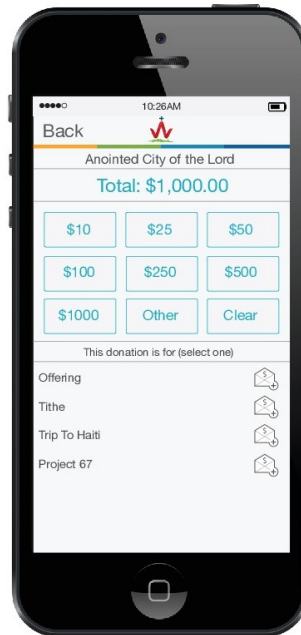
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## This Week at Big Red

### Monday, April 25

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Pastor Raygan on Vacation

### Tuesday, April 26

- ♦ Pastor Raygan on Vacation

### Wednesday, April 27

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Handbell Rehearsal  
(Music Room)
- ♦ **7:00pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due
- ♦ Pastor Raygan on Vacation

### Thursday, April 28

- ♦ Pastor Raygan on Vacation

### Friday, April 29

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ Pastor Raygan on Vacation


### Saturday, April 30

- ♦ Pastor Raygan on Vacation

### Sunday, May 1

- ♦ **9:00am:** Exploration Hour (Various)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)  
Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi Preaching





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# A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904  
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,  
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory  
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for  
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -  
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -  
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph  
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.  
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.  
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.  
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

*Refrain*

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!  
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry may have drawn his inspiration for this hymn from a German Advent poem set to Handel's triumphant music. The tune Judas Maccabeus is adapted from a chorus in Handel's oratorio of the same name.

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS  
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain  
G. F. Handel, 1751



A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!  
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

## Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Luke 24:36-37

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone  
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our  
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles  
hearts to be your own, That we may give you  
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.  
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.  
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

*This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.*

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.

German carol, 15th century

Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

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### **FCCF Open and Affirming Statement**

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation. We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.